SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

Lower Level – Room 41, City Hall/Court House, 15 West Kellogg Boulevard May 13, 2010

Present: Robert Ferguson, April Haas, Jennifer Haskamp, Pat Igo, Rich Laffin, John Manning, Matt Mazanec, Lee Meyer, David Riehle, Mark Thomas, Steve Trimble, Diane Trout-Oertel

Absent: None

Staff Present: Christine Boulware, Amy Spong

BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: 5:03 PM by John Manning (Chair)

I. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – move Item VI.C. (presentation) after VII.A., Igo, Trout-Oertel

II. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - None

III. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES - Igo, Trout-Oertel

- A. March 11, 2010 Business Meeting approved
- **B.** March 25, 2010 Public Hearing approved
- C. April 8, 2010 Business Meeting Laid over to the June 10 meeting
- **D.** April 22, 2010 Public Hearing Laid over to the June 10 meeting

IV. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. This will be April Haas' last meeting, as she will be moving and will no longer be a Saint Paul resident.

V. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **A.** April Design Review Statistics (see attached)
- **B.** There are now two vacancies on the commission.

VI. NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSION

A. Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company, 882 West Seventh Street, Historic Resource – RA-SPC-5318, Consider the request for local designation that was submitted to the HPC by Ward 2 Councilmember Dave Thune (Spong, 266-6714)

The HPC discussed initiating the local designation process and reviewed the designation checklist. Staff noted that former commissioner/local historian, Paul Larson, had written a designation study and that Susan Roth, SHPO, had reviewed a draft National Register nomination form. The study area includes more than the brewery property, as there are several brewery related buildings across West Seventh Street that would be included as part of small district. Trout-Oertel asked who would write the local designation. Staff replied that would be discussed at the first meeting. Staff added that Saint Paul does not have interim protection for historic resources like Minneapolis, but it would be included in the new ordinance. Igo inquired about the length of the process. Staff replied it could take 4-6 months. Laffin inquired about resistance to designation. Staff replied there was none known except by the current owners of the brewery. **Trout-Oertel motioned to initiate the local designation process. Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion passed 11-0.**

B. Public Safety Building, 101 East Tenth Street, Historic Resource – RA-SPC-5426, Make recommendation to PED on the preferred downtown sites to receive local designation studies as mitigation for the demolition of the Public Safety Building. (Spong, 266-6714)

Staff presented four buildings to the commission with one being an alternate: The Merchant's

National Bank building, The H.M. Smyth Building, The Fitzpatrick Building (NRHP) and the Golden Rule (alternate). Manning asked why an alternate was given. Staff replied it was an option for the HPC to consider. The 2001 Downtown Context Study was the basis for consideration and staff reminded that the HPC cannot designate properties in the Capitol Area. Staff looked at National Register properties and properties that will have studies done as part of the CCLRT and removed them from the running. The Capitol River Council conducted a survey and the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota weighed-in. Trout-Oertel asked why some buildings weren't considered. Staff discussed the list. Manning asked about the Fitzpatrick Building National Register status. Staff replied there is no design review with National Register listing. Riehle asked about the Colonnade Building. Staff replied it cannot be locally designated since it is within the boundaries of the Capitol Area. Trimble motioned to recommend local designation studies for the Merchant National Bank Building, the Smyth Building and the Fitzpatrick Building. Meyer seconded the motion. The motion passed 11-0.

C. Saint Paul's Labor History, presentation by Commissioner David Riehle.

Riehle distributed a map that was created in 1997. In the presentation he showed buildings that he identified as vulnerable and wanted to draw the HPCs attention to. Since the creation of the map and list of sites thirteen years ago, there have been some losses, most notable the lost of the Omaha Rail Roundhouse at Randolph and West Seventh Streets. Trimble asked about surveys and the lack of this context. Manning noted that labor history context wasn't included in the preservation chapter of the Comprehensive Plan. Staff replied, not specifically. Manning asked if there were someone that could do that context study work. Trimble replied that a survey workshop would be useful. Manning asked if Historic Saint Paul were the appropriate organization.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. 10 East Exchange Street and 488 North Wabasha Street, Sam S. Shubert Theatre (RA-SPC-5452) and Shubert Building (RA-SPC-5451), by the State Historic Preservation Office, for Certified Local Government Comment on the nomination of the building to the National Register of Historic Places. The HPC will allow for public comment and submit an opinion regarding the site meeting National Register Criteria.

Trout-Oertel stated she did not receive the email of the nomination, but was in favor of the nomination. Trimble commented that this was the centennial year. Stephanie Atwood of Hess, Roise and Company and Tony Bol from MPR were present to answer any questions about the nomination. There was brief discussion about the history of the building, the occupancy, and the historic context of the block. Roger Sorbel, 26 West 10th Street, spoke in support of the nomination and state he was surprised the building wasn't already designated. The HPC was unanimously in support of the nomination to the NRHP.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Public Safety Building update (Manning, Igo)
- **B.** 3M Committee update (Trimble, Mazanec) The design group met and continue to work on guidelines. There will be an Advisory Committee meeting on June 10 at the Carpenters Hall.
- **C.** Preservation Awards Committee (Igo, Laffin, Trout-Oertel) Staff is working to get text to the printers and need help framing the certificates.
- **D.** Public Art St. Paul Stewardship Committee (Laffin)

IX. ADJOURN: 6:10

Submitted by: C. Boulware